

Calls on local government, business to work together to procure grants

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(Washington, DC) -- Congressman Tim Ryan (OH-17) announced five new grants solicitations from the Department of Labor aimed at training workers to work in the energy efficiency and renewable energy industries. The grants are a part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and total around \$500 million in direct aid.

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“I am urging our local governments and local businesses to team up in order to attract these grants to our community,” said Congressman Ryan. **“Our time is now, these are the jobs and industries that can lead towards our economic revival and we must act immediately.”**

The [State Labor Market Information Improvement](#) grant would make funds available to collect, analyze and disseminate labor market information. The purpose of this grant would be to create local green energy job banks that job seekers could access to learn what jobs are available to them. The State of Ohio would have to apply for this grant. The application deadline is **August 14, 2009.**

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The [Energy Training Partnership](#) grant would provide funds for direct training and placement services for workers entering the energy efficiency and renewable energy industries. Private nonprofit organizations that are either national labor-management organizations with local networks or statewide or local nonprofit partnerships are able to apply for this grant. The application deadline is **September 4, 2009.**

The [Pathways out of Poverty](#) grant is an effort to integrate training and supportive services for communities seeking a way out of poverty and into economic self-sufficiency through employment in renewable energy industries. The application deadline is **September 29, 2009.**

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The [State Energy Sector Partnerships and Training](#) grant will help communities implement “sector strategies” which brings together a range of institutions and groups to work collaboratively to create a comprehensive plan to build, attract and grow energy sector jobs. Local workforce investment boards, regional consortia of boards and One Stop Career Centers are all eligible for this grant. The application deadline is **October 20, 2009.**

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The [Green Capacity Building](#) grant would give funding to organizations to provide training for entry-level positions that would lead to careers in energy efficiency and renewable energy industries. The application deadline is **August 5, 2009.**